



FARINGDON & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Charity Number 1116311

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016 held on Thursday 14th April at 2.30pm at FARINGDON CORN EXCHANGE

(Throughout these minutes (P) indicates proposer and (S) indicates seconder)

The Chairman declared the meeting open and quorate with 70 members in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Val Hudspeth, Jenny and Steve Braithwaite, Sue Manners, Ken and Sylvia Bowley, Beryl Cooper, Margaret and Geoff Brown, Victoria Paleit, Lynn and Peter Pettit, Charles and Dorothy Garrett and Alison Thomson.

2. MINUTES OF AGM 2015

The minutes were available to members both in hard copy format in the room and displayed on the screen. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. (P) Sarah Coe (S) Elizabeth Smith and agreed *nem con*.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed that his report had been available on the website for the last 2 to 3 weeks and a draft had been included in the recent newsletter and the following is a summary of the matters he referred to during his report at this meeting:

- Use of the Corn Exchange Projection system to enhance presentation at the monthly meetings.
- Use of a laptop computer to project monthly notices.
- Reconfiguration of the noticeboards.
- A meeting was held to thank group leaders and to welcome new members.
- The summer lunch was excellent and well attended notwithstanding the poor weather.
- The Open Day was also well attended with a good turn out with people being encouraged to visit the CE by the Town Crier.
- The activities of the U3A are being more widely advertised with posters in the Health Centre, leaflets in the Tourist Information Centre and the Library and an article in the Folly newspaper.
- The lunch held in January - January Japes - was also well attended.
- The website has had a makeover and all the groups are now represented. Members have been encouraged to use the site and receive information by email and assist those without email or access to a computer by becoming 'email buddies'. Over the year there have been mass and selective emailings which has assisted in our knowing how many members might attend functions such as the summer lunch. The updating has also provided for electronic

membership renewal. The Chairman thanked both Ricky Cunningham and Ian Clarkson for their work on the website and electronic membership.

- 4 new groups have been started this year.
- Workshops are being held to encourage members to try out something new .

The Chairman ended his report by offering thanks to the committee for their support and hard work over the year and in particular thanked Françoise Stacey and Dorothy Garrett for their work over a number of years as both are now stepping down from the committee.

5. REPORT FROM TREASURER

Copies of the Financial Statement for Faringdon and District U3A for the year ending 2015 were available to the members and a copy is filed with these minutes. The Treasurer advised that the external examiner, Peter Murphy, had decided to retire and that he has been replaced by Mike Bathe whose appointment will need ratifying later in the meeting.

The Treasurer said that the accounts were in good shape and that there was a surplus for the year of £2047 and that reducing the frequency of the Newsletter to four times a year had resulted in savings of £1100. The Chairman emphasised that the surplus was used to support all the activities of Faringdon and District U3A.

The meeting was asked to approve the accounts which it did *nem con*.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were two members of the committee standing down - Françoise Stacey and Dorothy Garrett. All the remainder were willing and able to continue. Alison Thomson had been co-opted on to the committee and was happy to become a member and therefore needed to be elected. Alison had been proposed by Françoise Stacey and seconded by Ken Bowley. The Chairman asked the meeting to confirm their agreement to Alison's appointment which was agreed *nem con*.

Two other members had come forward and offered to serve on the committee to replace Françoise and Dorothy as follows:

Peter Robinson (P) Peter Smith (S) Peter Stone

Margaret Brown (P) Peter Smith (S) Geoff Brown

Simon Coe has also held the positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman advised that it was considered inappropriate for any Executive member of the Committee to hold two roles. Alison Thomson had offered to take on this role once she was formally elected to the committee. As this had been agreed, the Chairman now proposed that Alison be elected Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Simon Coe.

These three appointments were agreed *nem con*.

7. APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed that Mike Bathe would replace Peter Murphy as Examiner of Accounts. The Chairman put this to the room and it was agreed *nem con*.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 2.51pm.